

# Facts About:

## Nursing Home Care: Who's Paying

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- ▶ Almost three quarters of nursing home care is publicly funded.  
**Medicaid: 58.7%    Medicare: 14.7%**
- ▶ Medicaid spending on nursing homes has more than doubled in the last decade.  
**1990: \$18 billion    2000: \$39.6 billion**
- ▶ While the elderly and disabled make up one-third of Medicaid enrollees, they account for more than two-thirds of Medicaid's total expenditures.
- ▶ In 2000, nursing home expenditures accounted for 57% of Medicaid's long-term care expenditures.

- ▶ The number of nursing home residents using Medicare as their primary source of payment increased more than tenfold between 1985 and 2000.
- ▶ In 2000, \$24.8 billion of the \$31 billion out-of-pocket payments for long-term care services were for nursing home care (80%).
- ▶ White nursing home residents are more likely to pay for nursing home care privately rather than publicly.

**White: Private 26.5%    Medicaid 56.2%**

**Non-white: Private 4.9%    Medicaid 75.7%**

- ▶ 56% of nursing home residents who enter a nursing home as private patients end up exhausting their funds and must rely on Medicaid to pay for their care.

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